Rail network in **the country**

2996. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI.
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new rail line proposals of Rajasthan State have been included in the Rail Budget 2005-06 for conducting survey work;

(b) what is the time frame fixed up by his Ministry for the survey of above new rail lines;

(c) what is the criteria for sanctioning these new railway lines after completion of survey;

.(d) what are the data about the rail network in the country, State-wise; and

(e) where the State of Rajasthan stands in the availability of rail network *vis-a-vis* other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) The surveys for following new railway line in the State of Rajasthan were included in the Budget 2005-06.

(i) Anupgarh-Jaisalmer via Khajuwala and Ramgarh (485 kms.)

(ii) Ajmer-Kota (210 kms.)

(b) The target for completion of the above surveys has not been fixed.

(c) The policy for taking up new line projects was enunciated by the National Transport Policy Committee in 1980. This policy states that new lines would be taken up on the following criteria

(i) Project oriented lines to serve hew industries for tapping mineral and other resources.

(ii) Missing links for completion alternative routes to relieve congestion on existing saturated routes.

(iii) Lines required for strategic reasons; and

(iv) Lin*es* for establishment of new growth centers or giving access to remote areas.

Apart from this, the financial viability of the project is also taken into consideration. As per extant norms, a project is cosidered financially justified if it yields a financial return of not less than 14% under Discounted Cash Flow Method.

(d) and (e) The position of State of Rajasthan *vis-a-vis* other States as regard to availability of rail network in route kilometrage as on 31.03.2005 is given in the statement.

Statement

Statewise route kms. as on 31.3.2005

SI. No.	*Name of State*	*BG*	*MG*	*NG*	*Total*
1	Uttar Pradesh	6826	1717	*2*	8545
2	Rajasthan	3437	2314	87	5838
3	Maharashtra	4345	429	753	5527
4	Gujarat	2775	1723	786	5284
5	Andhra Pradesh	4839	330	36	5205
6	Madhya Pradesh	3676	500	729	4905
7	Tamil Nadu	2310	1861	0	4171
8	West Bengal	3356	280	220	3856
9	Bihar	2145	1234	0	3379
10	Karnataka	2574	408	0	2982
11	Assam	1228	1278	0	2506
12	Orissa	2189	0	91	2280
13	Punjab	2086	0	12	2098
14	Jharkhand	1941	0	0	1941
15	Haryana	1276	318	3	1597
16	Chhattisgarh	1070	0	89	1159
17	Kerala	933	117	0	1050
18	Uttaranchal	284	61	0	345
19	Himachal Pradesh	39	0	246	285
20	Delhi	183	22	0	205

SI No.	Name of State	BG	MG	NG	Total
21	Jammu & Kashmir	138	0	0	138
22	Goa	69	0	0	69
23	Tripura	0	64	0	64
24	Nagaland	11	2	0	13
25	Mizoram	0	2	0	2
26	Manipur	0	1	0	1
27	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	0	1
28	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
29	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0

Development of Platforms in Punjab

2997. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS

be pleased to state the names of railway platforms likely to be developed in Punjab during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAIRATHWA): Railways do not maintain State wise record. Railways maintain zone wise record. The jurisdiction of Northern and North Western Railways falls in Punjab. There are more than 8000 railway stations on Indian Railways. All the stations have been provided Minimum Essential Amenities as per the norms and according to the category of station. Up-gradation of stations, which includes improvements/raising of platforms, is a continuous process and every year number of such works has been/ are being sanctioned based on importance of station and inter-se-priorities. Such up-gradation works are completed at large number of stations every year.

Linking of North East to Myanmar and Bangladesh

2998. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of railways in Kilometres in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura (sanctioned and completed so far);